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# MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

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## Highlights

The estimated unemployment rate in Missouri and its major metropolitan areas fell sharply in April. The state rate fell to 4.7 percent from 6.0 percent in March, while the rate dropped to 4.8 percent in St. Louis, 4.6 percent in Kansas City, and 3.4 percent in Springfield.

Seasonal improvement is the norm in April, and the current figure may also reflect a "catchup" from the expected seasonal drop which did not occur in March. Still, the magnitude of these decreases may reflect an irregular movement in the Current Population Survey estimates which underlie the labor force figures.

Payroll employment growth continues strong, despite the effects of a strike in the trucking industry. Statewide employment totaled 2,455,500 jobs in April, up by 35,500 from March. About half the gain was seasonal, especially in construction, retail trade, and lodging and recreation services; greater-than-seasonal gains occurred in most industries, however. Over the past year, employment has grown by 67,900 jobs, or 2.8 percent.

In St. Louis, payroll employment grew by 28,100 jobs over the year, with construction, retail trade, health services, and business services adding thousands of jobs. The only sour note was in manufacturing, where makers of aircraft, motor vehicles, chemicals, instruments, and metal products cut 4,700 jobs between April 1993 and April 1994.

The Kansas City area added 7,100 jobs in April, reaching a total of 824,000. Construction gained 2,500 jobs, pushing employment to the industry's highest level since August 1988. Over the year, payrolls have grown by 21,600 jobs. Even manufacturing employment is up by 2,000 jobs, including 1,300 in transportation equipment.

Springfield employment increased by 700 jobs in April, mostly in services, reaching a total of 142,700. This represents a gain of 5,400 jobs from a year ago.

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# Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates

| County/Labor Market Area | Current Month - April 1994 (Preliminary) | | | | Previous Month - March 1994 (Revised) | | | | One Year Ago - April 1993 (Benchmarked) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
| **SEASONALLY ADJUSTED** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. (000) | 130,747 | 122,338 | 8,408 | 6.4 | 130,580 | 122,037 | 8,543 | 6.5 | 127,539 | 118,585 | 8,954 | 7.0 |
| MISSOURI | 2,645,687 | 2,514,611 | 131,076 | 5.0 | 2,643,799 | 2,488,785 | 155,014 | 5.9 | 2,649,766 | 2,481,924 | 167,842 | 6.3 |
| **NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S.(000) | 129,682 | 121,604 | 8,078 | 6.2 | 129,718 | 120,844 | 8,874 | 6.8 | 126,491 | 117,856 | 8,635 | 6.8 |
| MISSOURI | 2,654,393 | 2,528,375 | 126,018 | 4.7 | 2,632,220 | 2,473,893 | 158,327 | 6.0 | 2,657,565 | 2,495,176 | 162,389 | 6.1 |
| **METROPOLITAN AREAS (MSAs)** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ST. LOUIS | 1,290,905 | 1,229,574 | 61,331 | 4.8 | 1,282,443 | 1,210,677 | 71,766 | 5.6 | 1,266,691 | 1,184,551 | 82,140 | 6.5 |
| Franklin | 42,416 | 40,296 | 2,120 | 5.0 | 42,357 | 39,600 | 2,757 | 6.5 | 42,062 | 38,985 | 3,077 | 7.3 |
| Jefferson | 93,301 | 88,698 | 4,603 | 4.9 | 93,160 | 87,166 | 5,994 | 6.4 | 91,988 | 85,813 | 6,175 | 6.7 |
| Lincoln | 15,330 | 14,203 | 1,127 | 7.4 | 15,268 | 13,958 | 1,310 | 8.6 | 15,006 | 13,741 | 1,265 | 8.4 |
| St. Charles | 129,221 | 123,640 | 5,581 | 4.3 | 128,205 | 121,504 | 6,701 | 5.2 | 126,014 | 119,618 | 6,396 | 5.1 |
| St. Louis County | 549,046 | 529,251 | 19,795 | 3.6 | 543,404 | 520,109 | 23,295 | 4.3 | 537,334 | 512,036 | 25,298 | 4.7 |
| Warren | 10,555 | 9,823 | 732 | 6.9 | 10,541 | 9,654 | 887 | 8.4 | 10,245 | 9,504 | 741 | 7.2 |
| St. Louis City | 173,368 | 161,684 | 11,684 | 6.7 | 172,843 | 158,891 | 13,952 | 8.1 | 171,942 | 156,425 | 15,517 | 9.0 |
| KANSAS CITY | 897,647 | 856,629 | 41,018 | 4.6 | 889,854 | 842,167 | 47,687 | 5.4 | 868,613 | 824,086 | 44,527 | 5.1 |
| Cass | 36,764 | 35,205 | 1,559 | 4.2 | 36,490 | 34,458 | 2,032 | 5.6 | 35,695 | 33,853 | 1,842 | 5.2 |
| Clay | 93,661 | 90,282 | 3,379 | 3.6 | 92,230 | 88,366 | 3,864 | 4.2 | 90,733 | 86,816 | 3,917 | 4.3 |
| Clinton | 8,495 | 8,132 | 363 | 4.3 | 8,502 | 7,960 | 542 | 6.4 | 8,264 | 7,820 | 444 | 5.4 |
| Jackson | 347,251 | 331,023 | 16,228 | 4.7 | 343,987 | 324,000 | 19,987 | 5.8 | 338,142 | 318,315 | 19,827 | 5.9 |
| Lafayette | 15,333 | 14,796 | 537 | 3.5 | 15,209 | 14,482 | 727 | 4.8 | 15,155 | 14,228 | 927 | 6.1 |
| Platte | 37,549 | 36,460 | 1,089 | 2.9 | 37,034 | 35,686 | 1,348 | 3.6 | 36,459 | 35,060 | 1,399 | 3.8 |
| Ray | 10,363 | 9,886 | 477 | 4.6 | 10,302 | 9,676 | 626 | 6.1 | 10,182 | 9,506 | 676 | 6.6 |
| SPRINGFIELD | 153,060 | 147,811 | 5,249 | 3.4 | 152,395 | 145,669 | 6,726 | 4.4 | 149,391 | 141,806 | 7,585 | 5.1 |
| Christian | 20,322 | 19,521 | 801 | 3.9 | 20,519 | 19,238 | 1,281 | 6.2 | 19,904 | 18,728 | 1,176 | 5.9 |
| Greene | 120,807 | 116,812 | 3,995 | 3.3 | 119,953 | 115,119 | 4,834 | 4.0 | 117,807 | 112,066 | 5,741 | 4.9 |
| Webster | 11,931 | 11,479 | 452 | 3.8 | 11,922 | 11,312 | 610 | 5.1 | 11,681 | 11,012 | 669 | 5.7 |
| JOPLIN | 70,391 | 67,289 | 3,102 | 4.4 | 70,094 | 65,963 | 4,131 | 5.9 | 72,160 | 68,167 | 3,993 | 5.5 |
| Jasper | 47,038 | 44,821 | 2,217 | 4.7 | 46,660 | 43,937 | 2,723 | 5.8 | 48,172 | 45,406 | 2,766 | 5.7 |
| Newton | 23,353 | 22,468 | 885 | 3.8 | 23,434 | 22,026 | 1,408 | 6.0 | 23,989 | 22,761 | 1,228 | 5.1 |
| COLUMBIA | 69,240 | 67,644 | 1,596 | 2.3 | 68,153 | 66,092 | 2,061 | 3.0 | 71,402 | 68,966 | 2,436 | 3.4 |
| Boone | 69,240 | 67,644 | 1,596 | 2.3 | 68,153 | 66,092 | 2,061 | 3.0 | 71,402 | 68,966 | 2,436 | 3.4 |
| ST. JOSEPH | 45,173 | 41,538 | 3,635 | 8.0 | 45,224 | 41,031 | 4,193 | 9.3 | 47,643 | 44,296 | 3,347 | 7.0 |
| Andrew | 6,923 | 6,556 | 367 | 5.3 | 6,971 | 6,476 | 495 | 7.1 | 7,424 | 6,991 | 433 | 5.8 |
| Buchanan | 38,250 | 34,982 | 3,268 | 8.5 | 38,253 | 34,555 | 3,698 | 9.7 | 40,219 | 37,305 | 2,914 | 7.2 |
| **LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMAs)** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ADAIR-SCHUYLER | 16,799 | 16,277 | 522 | 3.1 | 16,617 | 15,959 | 658 | 4.0 | 16,393 | 15,666 | 727 | 4.4 |
| Adair | 14,450 | 14,040 | 410 | 2.8 | 14,290 | 13,766 | 524 | 3.7 | 14,068 | 13,513 | 555 | 3.9 |
| Schuyler | 2,349 | 2,237 | 112 | 4.8 | 2,328 | 2,193 | 135 | 5.8 | 2,324 | 2,153 | 171 | 7.4 |
| BUTLER-CARTER-RIPLEY | 23,412 | 21,746 | 1,666 | 7.1 | 23,400 | 21,180 | 2,220 | 9.5 | 24,725 | 22,552 | 2,173 | 8.8 |
| Butler | 16,925 | 15,784 | 1,141 | 6.7 | 16,905 | 15,373 | 1,532 | 9.1 | 17,877 | 16,369 | 1,508 | 8.4 |
| Carter | 2,178 | 2,009 | 169 | 7.8 | 2,179 | 1,956 | 223 | 10.2 | 2,305 | 2,083 | 222 | 9.6 |
| Ripley | 4,309 | 3,953 | 356 | 8.3 | 4,316 | 3,850 | 466 | 10.8 | 4,542 | 4,100 | 442 | 9.7 |
| CAMDEN-MILLER | 23,867 | 22,297 | 1,570 | 6.6 | 22,581 | 19,949 | 2,632 | 11.7 | 24,373 | 22,334 | 2,039 | 8.4 |
| Camden | 13,623 | 12,741 | 882 | 6.5 | 12,851 | 11,399 | 1,452 | 11.3 | 13,857 | 12,762 | 1,095 | 7.9 |
| Miller | 10,245 | 9,556 | 689 | 6.7 | 9,730 | 8,550 | 1,180 | 12.1 | 10,516 | 9,572 | 944 | 9.0 |
| CAPE GIRARDEAU-SCOTT-NEW MADRID | 69,259 | 65,264 | 3,995 | 5.8 | 68,914 | 64,318 | 4,596 | 6.7 | 71,255 | 66,158 | 5,097 | 7.2 |
| Bollinger | 4,524 | 4,223 | 301 | 6.7 | 4,500 | 4,162 | 338 | 7.5 | 4,696 | 4,281 | 415 | 8.8 |
| Cape Girardeau | 32,375 | 30,993 | 1,382 | 4.3 | 32,166 | 30,544 | 1,622 | 5.0 | 33,216 | 31,418 | 1,798 | 5.4 |
| Mississippi | 5,977 | 5,323 | 654 | 10.9 | 5,813 | 5,246 | 567 | 9.8 | 6,004 | 5,396 | 608 | 10.1 |
| New Madrid | 8,177 | 7,619 | 558 | 6.8 | 8,297 | 7,508 | 789 | 9.5 | 8,575 | 7,723 | 852 | 9.9 |
| Scott | 18,207 | 17,106 | 1,101 | 6.0 | 18,137 | 16,858 | 1,279 | 7.1 | 18,764 | 17,340 | 1,424 | 7.6 |
| COLE-CALLAWAY-MONITEAU | 62,933 | 60,713 | 2,220 | 3.5 | 61,841 | 59,074 | 2,767 | 4.5 | 66,967 | 63,241 | 3,726 | 5.6 |
| Callaway | 17,017 | 16,369 | 648 | 3.8 | 16,789 | 15,927 | 862 | 5.1 | 18,162 | 17,051 | 1,111 | 6.1 |
| Cole | 33,475 | 32,425 | 1,050 | 3.1 | 32,750 | 31,550 | 1,200 | 3.7 | 35,434 | 33,776 | 1,658 | 4.7 |
| Moniteau | 6,088 | 5,844 | 244 | 4.0 | 6,080 | 5,686 | 394 | 6.5 | 6,666 | 6,087 | 579 | 8.7 |
| Osage | 6,352 | 6,075 | 277 | 4.4 | 6,221 | 5,911 | 310 | 5.0 | 6,704 | 6,328 | 376 | 5.6 |
| HOWELL-OREGON-SHANNON | 22,855 | 21,587 | 1,268 | 5.5 | 22,735 | 20,952 | 1,783 | 7.8 | 23,792 | 22,141 | 1,651 | 6.9 |
| Howell | 15,301 | 14,484 | 817 | 5.3 | 15,145 | 14,058 | 1,087 | 7.2 | 15,978 | 14,856 | 1,122 | 7.0 |
| Oregon | 3,941 | 3,720 | 221 | 5.6 | 3,880 | 3,611 | 269 | 6.9 | 4,059 | 3,816 | 243 | 6.0 |
| Shannon | 3,613 | 3,382 | 231 | 6.4 | 3,710 | 3,283 | 427 | 11.5 | 3,755 | 3,469 | 286 | 7.6 |
| LAWRENCE-BARRY | 27,095 | 25,703 | 1,392 | 5.1 | 26,832 | 24,974 | 1,858 | 6.9 | 28,366 | 26,598 | 1,768 | 6.2 |
| Barry | 12,861 | 12,235 | 626 | 4.9 | 12,729 | 11,888 | 841 | 6.6 | 13,555 | 12,661 | 894 | 6.6 |
| Lawrence | 14,234 | 13,468 | 766 | 5.4 | 14,103 | 13,086 | 1,017 | 7.2 | 14,811 | 13,937 | 874 | 5.9 |
| MARION-RALLS | 18,592 | 17,745 | 847 | 4.6 | 18,172 | 17,180 | 992 | 5.5 | 19,380 | 18,105 | 1,275 | 6.6 |
| Marion | 14,032 | 13,399 | 633 | 4.5 | 13,700 | 12,972 | 728 | 5.3 | 14,604 | 13,670 | 934 | 6.4 |
| Ralls | 4,560 | 4,346 | 214 | 4.7 | 4,472 | 4,208 | 264 | 5.9 | 4,777 | 4,435 | 342 | 7.2 |
| PHELPS-MARIES | 20,346 | 19,441 | 905 | 4.4 | 20,146 | 19,040 | 1,106 | 5.5 | 21,451 | 19,949 | 1,502 | 7.0 |
| Maries | 3,838 | 3,641 | 197 | 5.1 | 3,795 | 3,566 | 229 | 6.0 | 4,145 | 3,737 | 408 | 9.8 |
| Phelps | 16,508 | 15,800 | 708 | 4.3 | 16,351 | 15,474 | 877 | 5.4 | 17,306 | 16,212 | 1,094 | 6.3 |
| ST. FRANCOIS-WASHINGTON | 27,295 | 24,650 | 2,645 | 9.7 | 27,340 | 24,118 | 3,222 | 11.8 | 28,537 | 25,402 | 3,135 | 11.0 |
| St. Francois | 19,654 | 17,848 | 1,806 | 9.2 | 19,605 | 17,463 | 2,142 | 10.9 | 20,523 | 18,393 | 2,130 | 10.4 |
| Washington | 7,641 | 6,802 | 839 | 11.0 | 7,735 | 6,655 | 1,080 | 14.0 | 8,014 | 7,009 | 1,005 | 12.5 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
| **OTHER COUNTIES** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atchison | 2,666 | 2,587 | 79 | 3.0 | 2,638 | 2,525 | 113 | 4.3 | 2,905 | 2,764 | 141 | 4.9 |
| Audrain | 10,936 | 10,416 | 520 | 4.8 | 10,745 | 10,163 | 582 | 5.4 | 11,704 | 11,020 | 684 | 5.8 |
| Barton | 5,972 | 5,778 | 194 | 3.2 | 5,930 | 5,653 | 277 | 4.7 | 6,310 | 6,040 | 270 | 4.3 |
| Bates | 7,101 | 6,706 | 395 | 5.6 | 7,296 | 6,786 | 510 | 7.0 | 7,593 | 6,987 | 606 | 8.0 |
| Benton | 5,370 | 4,969 | 401 | 7.5 | 5,229 | 4,657 | 572 | 10.9 | 5,751 | 5,232 | 519 | 9.0 |
| Caldwell | 3,438 | 3,246 | 192 | 5.6 | 3,404 | 3,185 | 219 | 6.4 | 3,681 | 3,437 | 244 | 6.6 |
| Carroll | 4,823 | 4,527 | 296 | 6.1 | 4,684 | 4,347 | 337 | 7.2 | 5,175 | 4,759 | 416 | 8.0 |
| Cedar | 5,396 | 5,153 | 243 | 4.5 | 5,089 | 4,789 | 300 | 5.9 | 5,355 | 5,058 | 297 | 5.5 |
| Chariton | 3,799 | 3,595 | 204 | 5.4 | 3,786 | 3,541 | 245 | 6.5 | 4,045 | 3,722 | 323 | 8.0 |
| Clark | 3,275 | 3,099 | 176 | 5.4 | 3,182 | 2,959 | 223 | 7.0 | 3,686 | 3,399 | 287 | 7.8 |
| Cooper | 7,787 | 7,510 | 277 | 3.6 | 7,682 | 7,258 | 424 | 5.5 | 8,303 | 7,781 | 522 | 6.3 |
| Crawford | 9,545 | 8,905 | 640 | 6.7 | 9,360 | 8,534 | 826 | 8.8 | 9,881 | 8,933 | 948 | 9.6 |
| Dade | 2,926 | 2,767 | 159 | 5.4 | 2,847 | 2,665 | 182 | 6.4 | 3,185 | 2,969 | 216 | 6.8 |
| Dallas | 5,730 | 5,395 | 335 | 5.8 | 5,643 | 5,233 | 410 | 7.3 | 5,990 | 5,509 | 481 | 8.0 |
| Daviess | 3,142 | 2,971 | 171 | 5.4 | 3,138 | 2,895 | 243 | 7.7 | 3,404 | 3,127 | 277 | 8.1 |
| DeKalb | 3,970 | 3,789 | 181 | 4.6 | 3,944 | 3,705 | 239 | 6.1 | 4,181 | 3,904 | 277 | 6.6 |
| Dent | 5,896 | 5,550 | 346 | 5.9 | 5,959 | 5,459 | 500 | 8.4 | 6,104 | 5,664 | 440 | 7.2 |
| Douglas | 5,657 | 5,379 | 278 | 4.9 | 5,473 | 5,133 | 340 | 6.2 | 5,818 | 5,480 | 338 | 5.8 |
| Dunklin | 12,867 | 11,935 | 932 | 7.2 | 12,891 | 11,736 | 1,155 | 9.0 | 13,255 | 12,023 | 1,232 | 9.3 |
| Gasconade | 6,549 | 6,170 | 379 | 5.8 | 6,509 | 6,040 | 469 | 7.2 | 7,196 | 6,443 | 753 | 10.5 |
| Gentry | 3,342 | 3,209 | 133 | 4.0 | 3,131 | 3,004 | 127 | 4.1 | 3,470 | 3,357 | 113 | 3.3 |
| Grundy | 4,497 | 4,293 | 204 | 4.5 | 4,841 | 4,581 | 260 | 5.4 | 4,930 | 4,593 | 337 | 6.8 |
| Harrison | 3,898 | 3,761 | 137 | 3.5 | 3,835 | 3,635 | 200 | 5.2 | 4,214 | 3,987 | 227 | 5.4 |
| Henry | 8,834 | 8,268 | 566 | 6.4 | 8,790 | 8,080 | 710 | 8.1 | 9,326 | 8,587 | 739 | 7.9 |
| Hickory | 2,563 | 2,423 | 140 | 5.5 | 2,364 | 2,156 | 208 | 8.8 | 2,837 | 2,608 | 229 | 8.1 |
| Holt | 2,716 | 2,588 | 128 | 4.7 | 2,612 | 2,431 | 181 | 6.9 | 2,793 | 2,644 | 149 | 5.3 |
| Howard | 4,798 | 4,636 | 162 | 3.4 | 4,664 | 4,453 | 211 | 4.5 | 4,741 | 4,518 | 223 | 4.7 |
| Iron | 4,061 | 3,672 | 389 | 9.6 | 4,052 | 3,592 | 460 | 11.4 | 4,157 | 3,666 | 491 | 11.8 |
| Johnson | 20,907 | 20,254 | 653 | 3.1 | 20,363 | 19,442 | 921 | 4.5 | 21,128 | 20,245 | 883 | 4.2 |
| Knox | 1,757 | 1,683 | 74 | 4.2 | 1,725 | 1,614 | 111 | 6.4 | 1,939 | 1,836 | 103 | 5.3 |
| Laclede | 13,108 | 12,373 | 735 | 5.6 | 12,857 | 11,946 | 911 | 7.1 | 13,418 | 12,428 | 990 | 7.4 |
| Lewis | 4,689 | 4,450 | 239 | 5.1 | 4,645 | 4,348 | 297 | 6.4 | 5,020 | 4,654 | 366 | 7.3 |
| Linn | 6,551 | 6,198 | 353 | 5.4 | 6,556 | 6,074 | 482 | 7.4 | 6,820 | 6,344 | 476 | 7.0 |
| Livingston | 6,687 | 6,321 | 366 | 5.5 | 6,661 | 6,292 | 369 | 5.5 | 7,020 | 6,673 | 347 | 4.9 |
| McDonald | 6,568 | 6,269 | 299 | 4.6 | 6,483 | 6,061 | 422 | 6.5 | 6,762 | 6,310 | 452 | 6.7 |
| Macon | 6,526 | 6,112 | 414 | 6.3 | 6,411 | 5,826 | 585 | 9.1 | 7,429 | 6,604 | 825 | 11.1 |
| Madison | 4,327 | 3,945 | 382 | 8.8 | 4,331 | 3,900 | 431 | 10.0 | 4,620 | 4,082 | 538 | 11.6 |
| Mercer | 1,940 | 1,848 | 92 | 4.7 | 2,148 | 2,000 | 148 | 6.9 | 1,964 | 1,837 | 127 | 6.5 |
| Monroe | 3,864 | 3,680 | 184 | 4.8 | 3,864 | 3,621 | 243 | 6.3 | 4,219 | 3,936 | 283 | 6.7 |
| Montgomery | 5,469 | 5,167 | 302 | 5.5 | 5,416 | 5,040 | 376 | 6.9 | 5,625 | 5,208 | 417 | 7.4 |
| Morgan | 6,897 | 6,467 | 430 | 6.2 | 6,761 | 6,077 | 684 | 10.1 | 7,451 | 6,769 | 682 | 9.2 |
| Nodaway | 11,551 | 11,294 | 257 | 2.2 | 11,224 | 10,889 | 335 | 3.0 | 11,800 | 11,434 | 366 | 3.1 |
| Ozark | 3,865 | 3,662 | 203 | 5.3 | 3,649 | 3,288 | 361 | 9.9 | 4,049 | 3,815 | 234 | 5.8 |
| Pemiscot | 7,002 | 5,881 | 1,121 | 16.0 | 7,001 | 6,121 | 880 | 12.6 | 7,737 | 6,725 | 1,012 | 13.1 |
| Perry | 9,483 | 9,051 | 432 | 4.6 | 9,508 | 8,963 | 545 | 5.7 | 9,774 | 9,173 | 601 | 6.1 |
| Pettis | 18,089 | 16,991 | 1,098 | 6.1 | 18,063 | 16,710 | 1,353 | 7.5 | 18,971 | 17,576 | 1,395 | 7.4 |
| Pike | 6,742 | 6,313 | 429 | 6.4 | 6,671 | 6,155 | 516 | 7.7 | 7,158 | 6,601 | 557 | 7.8 |
| Polk | 9,928 | 9,534 | 394 | 4.0 | 9,843 | 9,350 | 493 | 5.0 | 10,563 | 10,015 | 548 | 5.2 |
| Pulaski | 12,318 | 11,509 | 809 | 6.6 | 12,200 | 11,152 | 1,048 | 8.6 | 12,728 | 11,663 | 1,065 | 8.4 |
| Putnam | 1,953 | 1,890 | 63 | 3.2 | 2,044 | 1,944 | 100 | 4.9 | 2,094 | 1,974 | 120 | 5.7 |
| Randolph | 9,522 | 8,939 | 583 | 6.1 | 9,639 | 8,875 | 764 | 7.9 | 10,229 | 9,269 | 960 | 9.4 |
| Reynolds | 3,009 | 2,875 | 134 | 4.5 | 3,008 | 2,794 | 214 | 7.1 | 3,030 | 2,784 | 246 | 8.1 |
| St. Clair | 3,438 | 3,203 | 235 | 6.8 | 3,414 | 3,098 | 316 | 9.3 | 3,717 | 3,446 | 271 | 7.3 |
| Ste. Genevieve | 8,029 | 7,597 | 432 | 5.4 | 8,094 | 7,543 | 551 | 6.8 | 8,215 | 7,624 | 591 | 7.2 |
| Saline | 11,082 | 10,554 | 528 | 4.8 | 11,052 | 10,470 | 582 | 5.3 | 11,096 | 10,416 | 680 | 6.1 |
| Scotland | 2,207 | 2,136 | 71 | 3.2 | 2,210 | 2,081 | 129 | 5.8 | 2,406 | 2,317 | 89 | 3.7 |
| Shelby | 2,925 | 2,804 | 121 | 4.1 | 2,911 | 2,713 | 198 | 6.8 | 3,239 | 3,048 | 191 | 5.9 |
| Stoddard | 12,856 | 11,882 | 974 | 7.6 | 12,536 | 11,312 | 1,224 | 9.8 | 13,316 | 12,070 | 1,246 | 9.4 |
| Stone | 12,181 | 11,124 | 1,057 | 8.7 | 12,513 | 10,151 | 2,362 | 18.9 | 12,411 | 11,320 | 1,091 | 8.8 |
| Sullivan | 2,550 | 2,433 | 117 | 4.6 | 2,679 | 2,513 | 166 | 6.2 | 2,778 | 2,574 | 204 | 7.3 |
| Taney | 22,242 | 20,739 | 1,503 | 6.8 | 22,155 | 18,480 | 3,675 | 16.6 | 22,488 | 20,827 | 1,661 | 7.4 |
| Texas | 8,938 | 8,047 | 891 | 10.0 | 9,007 | 7,860 | 1,147 | 12.7 | 9,709 | 8,438 | 1,271 | 13.1 |
| Vernon | 7,986 | 7,668 | 318 | 4.0 | 7,863 | 7,457 | 406 | 5.2 | 8,613 | 8,175 | 438 | 5.1 |
| Wayne | 3,706 | 3,044 | 662 | 17.9 | 3,876 | 3,157 | 719 | 18.6 | 4,028 | 3,327 | 701 | 17.4 |
| Worth | 969 | 921 | 48 | 5.0 | 978 | 891 | 87 | 8.9 | 1,040 | 975 | 65 | 6.3 |
| Wright | 8,008 | 7,139 | 869 | 10.9 | 8,161 | 7,479 | 682 | 8.4 | 7,915 | 7,353 | 562 | 7.1 |

NOTES: Data within shaded areas are provisional and not comparable to 1994 data.
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# Missouri Labor Market Review

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## Missouri Employment and Unemployment Conditions

Missouri's unemployment rate fell sharply in April. Although economic conditions have been improving and April traditionally experiences large seasonal improvement, the decrease seems unrealistically large. The estimated April rate is 4.7 percent, down from the 6 percent level which prevailed in the January-March period.

Unemployment had not shown the expected seasonal improvement in March, so it may be more appropriate to consider unemployment change in the two-month period following February. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the April rate is 5.0 percent, down from 5.4 percent in January and February and 5.9 percent in March. Irregular movements from month to month are not uncommon in the Current Population Survey estimates which underlie the state labor force figures. This may be even more true this year, as the new sample is phased in.

The total employment estimate increased substantially in March, going up by nearly 55,000 to 2,528,400. Substantial seasonal improvement is the norm in April. This month's gain was well above the expected amount; the seasonally-adjusted increase was about 26,000.

Payroll employment continues to grow. Employment was up sharply from March, despite the strike in the trucking industry. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment totaled 2,455,500 in April, a gain of 35,500 from March. About half the gain was seasonal, as improving weather normally brings with it gains in construction, retail trade, and lodging and recreational services, among others. Gains beyond the seasonal were noted in most industries, however. The only notable employment decreases were 2,700 jobs in trucking (the result of a strike) and 800 jobs in shoe manufacturing.

Over the past year, payroll employment has grown by 67,900 jobs, or 2.8 percent. This over-the-year increase was smaller than in previous months, but that may reflect the fact that employment had begun to grow rather strongly by April 1993. Previous over-the-year gains had been from relatively low employment levels 12 months prior.

Services employment was up by 34,300 jobs. About a third of the gain (11,100 jobs) was in business services; health services has added 9000 jobs since April 1993. Retail trade employment has grown by 11,800 jobs. Other than in trucking, the only notable decreases from a year ago were in aerospace, automobile, chemical, instrument, and shoe manufacturing.

The factory workweek increased to 41.8 hours in April, one of the highest levels on record. Hourly earnings of manufacturing production workers, at $11.73, were little changed from March, while the weekly figure edged up by $2.20 to $490.31. This figure represents a gain of 4.1 percent from April 1993.

Construction worker hours and weekly earnings fell back sharply in April, perhaps the result of the month's exceptionally rainy weather. Average weekly hours dipped by 2.8 hours to 34.6, while weekly earnings dropped by $52.15 to $612.07. Average hourly earnings of $17.69 were only 7 cents lower than in March. Despite the monthly decrease, hours and earnings were well above the year earlier levels. In April 1993, the construction workweek was 32.5 hours, and average weekly earnings were $563.88. The current weekly earnings figure represents an over-the-year gain of 8.5 percent.

The average workweek of nonsupervisory workers in the private service-producing sector edged up to 32.3 hours, while average hourly earnings of $9.39 were the same as in March. Over the past year, average weekly earnings in the sector increased by 3.7 percent.

## National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

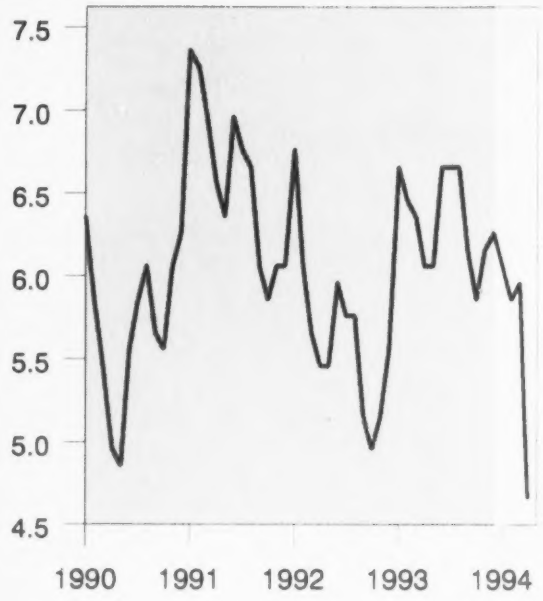
Economic growth slowed sharply in the first quarter of the year. Although most analysts expected Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to grow more slowly than the 7 percent annual rate performance of the fourth quarter of 1993, the revised 3.0 percent growth rate reported by the Commerce Department was perhaps lower than expected. Part of the drop was probably the result of the bad winter weather experienced in many parts of the country. As a whole, growth seems well-balanced and to be at a sustainable pace.

Payroll employment grew substantially in April, despite the trucking strike. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4 percent, down three-tenths of a point from the beginning of the year.

## Outlook

The government's index of leading economic indicators resumed its upward movement in March, after holding steady the previous month. Continuing growth at a moderate pace still seems to be the expectation. In Missouri, the unemployment rate could bounce back up, following the unusually sharp drop in April.

**Missouri Unemployment Rate**

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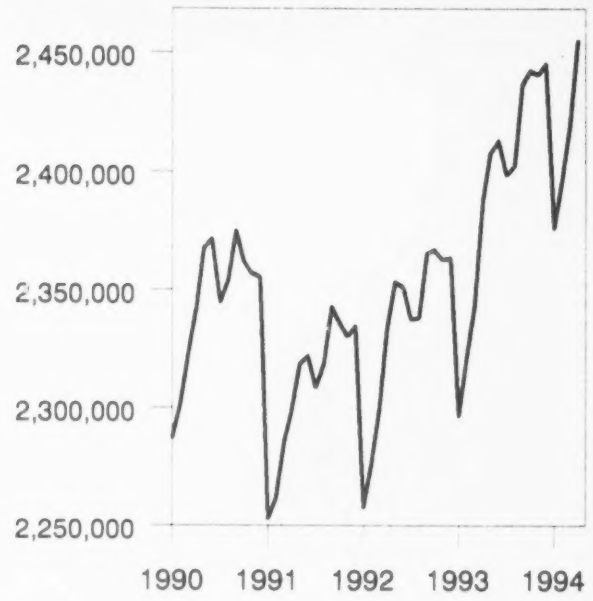
**Missouri Payroll Employment**




# Explanatory Notes

All data in this publication are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Data.** Labor force data are estimates of the number of people who are either employed or unemployed, on a place-of-residence basis. Data for 1994 are preliminary, while 1990-1993 data are provisional — not yet official and subject to change. The 1994 data are not directly comparable to 1993 and earlier data because of changes in methodology.

- Total Employment represents the number of employed civilians, including self-employment and agricultural employment.
- Unemployment represents the number of people who are not employed but are looking for work.
- Civilian Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment.
- Unemployment Rate is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data are place-of-work estimates of the number of jobs, based on a survey of establishments. The data have been adjusted to the March 1993 benchmark. Data are available for all employees on nonfarm payrolls, for the number of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls, and for average hours and earnings of production workers. Seasonally adjusted employment data for major industry groups are published for Missouri.

**Areas.** Labor Market Reviews cover the state and its three largest metropolitan areas. MSA definitions are the official Office of Management and Budget designations which became effective December 31, 1992.

- The St. Louis MSA includes the City of St. Louis plus St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles and Warren counties in Missouri and Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois. For data purposes, the portion of Sullivan in Crawford County is not included.
- The Kansas City MSA includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.
- The Springfield MSA includes Greene, Christian and Webster counties.

# Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Missouri (Statewide)

| Industry | Number of Jobs | | | Change from: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1994[P] | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| **SEASONALLY ADJUSTED** | | | | | |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL | 2,454,700 | 2,436,800 | 2,386,700 | 17,900 | 68,000 |
| MINING | 4,300 | 4,200 | 4,400 | 100 | -100 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 102,800 | 101,000 | 93,700 | 1,800 | 9,100 |
| MANUFACTURING | 412,100 | 412,400 | 410,900 | -300 | 1,200 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 224,800 | 224,700 | 222,900 | 100 | 1,900 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 187,300 | 187,700 | 188,000 | -400 | -700 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 152,200 | 154,800 | 151,600 | -2,600 | 600 |
| TRADE | 581,300 | 575,300 | 567,000 | 6,000 | 14,300 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 139,100 | 138,600 | 136,700 | 500 | 2,400 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 442,200 | 436,700 | 430,300 | 5,500 | 11,900 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE | 143,000 | 141,900 | 139,900 | 1,100 | 3,100 |
| SERVICES | 674,500 | 664,500 | 640,300 | 10,000 | 34,200 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 384,500 | 382,700 | 378,900 | 1,800 | 5,600 |
| **NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED** | | | | | |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL | 2,455,500 | 2,420,000 | 2,387,600 | 35,500 | 67,900 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 514,700 | 509,500 | 504,500 | 5,200 | 10,200 |
| MINING | 4,200 | 4,100 | 4,300 | 100 | -100 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 99,700 | 94,700 | 90,600 | 5,000 | 9,100 |
| General Building Contractors | 26,300 | 25,400 | 23,900 | 900 | 2,400 |
| Heavy Construction | 12,000 | 10,900 | 10,400 | 1,100 | 1,600 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 61,400 | 58,400 | 56,300 | 3,000 | 5,100 |
| MANUFACTURING | 410,800 | 410,700 | 409,600 | 100 | 1,200 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 223,900 | 223,600 | 221,900 | 300 | 2,000 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 12,000 | 11,900 | 11,700 | 100 | 300 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 14,800 | 14,600 | 12,400 | 200 | 2,400 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 10,500 | 10,200 | 10,200 | 300 | 300 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 12,100 | 12,100 | 11,600 | 0 | 500 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 33,400 | 33,400 | 33,300 | 0 | 100 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 34,000 | 33,900 | 31,800 | 100 | 2,200 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment | 32,900 | 32,700 | 31,200 | 200 | 1,700 |
| Transportation Equipment | 54,900 | 55,100 | 59,700 | -200 | -4,800 |
| Motor vehicles & equipment | 24,800 | 24,900 | 28,100 | -100 | -3,300 |
| Aircraft & parts | 26,100 | 26,100 | 27,500 | 0 | -1,400 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 10,900 | 10,900 | 11,700 | 0 | -800 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 186,900 | 187,100 | 187,700 | -200 | -800 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 49,200 | 49,100 | 48,900 | 100 | 300 |
| Beverages | 9,600 | 9,500 | 9,400 | 100 | 200 |
| Textile Mill Products & Apparel | 23,200 | 23,200 | 22,700 | 0 | 500 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 14,000 | 13,900 | 13,900 | 100 | 100 |
| Printing & Publishing | 43,300 | 43,200 | 42,900 | 100 | 400 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 27,900 | 27,900 | 28,700 | 0 | -800 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 9,400 | 10,200 | 11,300 | -800 | -1,900 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 1,940,800 | 1,910,500 | 1,883,100 | 30,300 | 57,700 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING | 1,545,500 | 1,517,800 | 1,493,400 | 27,700 | 52,100 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 151,900 | 154,000 | 151,400 | -2,100 | 500 |
| Railroad Transportation | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Trucking & Warehousing | 46,000 | 48,700 | 48,100 | -2,700 | -2,100 |
| Transportation by Air | 18,700 | 18,600 | 18,100 | 100 | 600 |
| Communications | 35,800 | 35,500 | 35,800 | 300 | 0 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Service | 20,300 | 20,200 | 20,500 | 100 | -200 |
| TRADE | 575,400 | 564,500 | 561,200 | 10,900 | 14,200 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 138,500 | 137,800 | 136,100 | 700 | 2,400 |
| Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods | 75,500 | 75,200 | 75,300 | 300 | 200 |
| Motor vehicles, parts & supplies | 12,200 | 12,100 | 12,400 | 100 | -200 |
| Lumber & construction materials | 4,600 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 100 | 200 |
| Professional & commercial equipment | 14,900 | 14,900 | 15,200 | 0 | -300 |
| Electrical goods | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,600 | 0 | 200 |
| Hardware, plumbing & heating equipment | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,000 | 0 | 200 |
| Machinery, equipment & supplies | 17,500 | 17,300 | 17,200 | 200 | 300 |
| Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods | 63,000 | 62,600 | 60,800 | 400 | 2,200 |
| Groceries & related | 18,100 | 18,000 | 17,900 | 100 | 200 |
| Petroleum & petroleum products | 4,700 | 4,600 | 4,800 | 100 | -100 |
| Beer, wine & distilled beverages | 3,100 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 100 | 100 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 436,900 | 426,700 | 425,100 | 10,200 | 11,800 |
| Building materials & garden supplies | 18,600 | 17,900 | 18,500 | 700 | 100 |
| General merchandise stores | 60,600 | 60,000 | 58,300 | 600 | 2,300 |
| Food stores | 60,900 | 60,300 | 58,800 | 600 | 2,100 |
| Automotive dealers/service stations | 53,700 | 52,700 | 52,200 | 1,000 | 1,500 |
| Apparel & accessory stores | 21,700 | 21,400 | 21,400 | 300 | 300 |
| Furniture & homefurnishing stores | 15,100 | 15,000 | 14,800 | 100 | 300 |
| Eating & drinking places | 161,800 | 155,000 | 157,000 | 6,800 | 4,800 |

| Industry | Number of Jobs | | | Change from: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1994P | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE | 142,300 | 140,600 | 139,200 | 1,700 | 3,100 |
| Depository Institutions | 45,000 | 44,800 | 45,400 | 200 | -400 |
| Nondepository Institutions | 9,200 | 9,200 | 8,600 | 0 | 600 |
| Security & Commodity Brokers | 14,700 | 14,600 | 13,500 | 100 | 1,200 |
| Insurance Carriers | 30,300 | 30,300 | 30,500 | 0 | -200 |
| Insurance Agents, Brokers | 13,900 | 13,900 | 13,700 | 0 | 200 |
| Real Estate | 25,200 | 23,900 | 23,800 | 1,300 | 1,400 |
| Holding & Other Investment Offices | 4,000 | 3,900 | 3,700 | 100 | 300 |
| SERVICES | 675,900 | 658,700 | 641,600 | 17,200 | 34,300 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 30,700 | 28,000 | 29,800 | 2,700 | 900 |
| Personal Services | 28,400 | 28,200 | 27,900 | 200 | 500 |
| Business Services | 116,100 | 113,100 | 105,000 | 3,000 | 11,100 |
| Auto Repair, Services, Parking | 21,800 | 21,600 | 20,600 | 200 | 1,200 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie | 35,700 | 29,800 | 33,600 | 5,900 | 2,100 |
| Health Services | 221,700 | 220,400 | 212,700 | 1,300 | 9,000 |
| Hospitals (private) | 104,600 | 104,700 | 101,900 | -100 | 2,700 |
| Legal Services | 15,300 | 15,200 | 15,100 | 100 | 200 |
| Educational Services (private) | 47,200 | 46,800 | 45,000 | 400 | 2,200 |
| Social Services | 47,800 | 47,400 | 44,100 | 400 | 3,700 |
| Membership Organizations | 50,600 | 50,000 | 50,100 | 600 | 500 |
| Engineering & Management Services | 40,000 | 39,900 | 38,200 | 100 | 1,800 |
| Agricultural Services | 11,300 | 9,500 | 10,900 | 1,800 | 400 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 395,300 | 392,700 | 389,700 | 2,600 | 5,600 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | 69,700 | 69,400 | 69,800 | 300 | -100 |
| TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT | 95,300 | 95,000 | 93,300 | 300 | 2,000 |
| TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT | 230,300 | 228,300 | 226,600 | 2,000 | 3,700 |

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## Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Missouri (Statewide)

| Industry | Production Workers | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr 1994P | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994P | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994P | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994P | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 371,500 | 365,500 | 360,000 | 40.3 | 40.6 | 39.3 | $12.84 | $12.92 | $12.44 | $517.45 | $524.55 | $488.89 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 79,100 | 74,100 | 69,600 | 34.6 | 37.4 | 32.5 | 17.69 | 17.76 | 17.35 | 612.07 | 664.22 | 563.88 |
| MANUFACTURING | 288,900 | 288,100 | 287,400 | 41.8 | 41.4 | 41.0 | 11.73 | 11.79 | 11.49 | 490.31 | 488.11 | 471.09 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 158,100 | 156,900 | 157,100 | 42.9 | 43.1 | 41.7 | 12.41 | 12.50 | 12.43 | 532.39 | 538.75 | 518.33 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 9,700 | 9,500 | 9,200 | 37.8 | 37.0 | 36.8 | 8.13 | 8.34 | 7.91 | 307.31 | 308.58 | 291.09 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 11,700 | 11,400 | 9,700 | 41.1 | 40.8 | 41.3 | 9.11 | 9.13 | 9.11 | 374.42 | 372.50 | 376.24 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 8,000 | 7,800 | 8,100 | 41.6 | 42.2 | 36.9 | 12.32 | 12.30 | 11.42 | 512.51 | 519.06 | 421.40 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 9,200 | 9,200 | 8,800 | 52.1 | 54.3 | 43.8 | 12.27 | 12.13 | 12.86 | 639.27 | 658.66 | 563.27 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 23,400 | 23,300 | 23,200 | 40.7 | 40.2 | 41.6 | 11.82 | 11.90 | 12.02 | 481.07 | 478.38 | 500.03 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 24,300 | 24,200 | 22,100 | 42.4 | 42.9 | 42.4 | 11.37 | 11.43 | 11.29 | 482.09 | 490.35 | 478.70 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp | 25,900 | 25,200 | 24,100 | 41.5 | 40.8 | 42.3 | 9.66 | 9.58 | 9.26 | 400.89 | 390.86 | 391.70 |
| Transportation Equipment | 34,600 | 34,700 | 40,000 | 46.5 | 47.6 | 43.3 | 18.23 | 18.31 | 17.85 | 847.70 | 871.56 | 772.91 |
| Motor vehicles & equipment | 21,500 | 21,600 | 24,900 | 48.7 | 50.8 | 43.9 | 18.65 | 18.76 | 17.88 | 908.26 | 953.01 | 784.93 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 5,300 | 5,100 | 5,500 | 40.4 | 42.8 | 40.6 | 10.68 | 10.74 | 10.68 | 431.47 | 459.67 | 433.61 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 130,800 | 131,200 | 130,300 | 40.6 | 39.3 | 40.0 | 10.86 | 10.86 | 10.30 | 440.92 | 426.80 | 412.00 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 36,800 | 36,800 | 36,900 | 40.0 | 38.7 | 38.7 | 10.96 | 10.93 | 10.54 | 438.40 | 422.99 | 407.90 |
| Beverages | 4,100 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 37.8 | 38.8 | 39.1 | 20.10 | 20.46 | 20.72 | 759.78 | 793.85 | 810.15 |
| Textile Mill Products & Apparel | 20,600 | 20,600 | 19,900 | 35.8 | 33.3 | 35.9 | 7.05 | 7.11 | 6.85 | 252.39 | 236.76 | 245.91 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 11,600 | 11,400 | 11,500 | 44.5 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 11.24 | 11.27 | 10.99 | 500.18 | 477.85 | 464.88 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 14,200 | 14,100 | 13,900 | 48.0 | 48.0 | 48.1 | 15.10 | 15.14 | 13.90 | 724.80 | 726.72 | 668.59 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 8,400 | 9,400 | 10,300 | 33.8 | 32.3 | 37.4 | 7.59 | 7.43 | 6.93 | 256.54 | 239.99 | 259.18 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING | 1,284,700 | 1,260,200 | 1,236,600 | 32.3 | 32.1 | 32.2 | 9.39 | 9.39 | 9.08 | 303.30 | 301.42 | 292.38 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS | 115,500 | 116,400 | 114,000 | 36.0 | 36.7 | 38.2 | 13.56 | 13.45 | 12.50 | 488.16 | 493.62 | 477.50 |
| TRADE | 504,800 | 494,200 | 491,400 | 31.6 | 31.5 | 31.0 | 7.97 | 8.01 | 7.87 | 251.85 | 252.32 | 243.97 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 113,500 | 113,000 | 111,700 | 39.3 | 38.9 | 39.3 | 11.16 | 11.18 | 10.87 | 438.59 | 434.90 | 427.19 |
| Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds | 60,200 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 40.6 | 39.8 | 40.1 | 11.65 | 11.75 | 11.39 | 472.99 | 467.65 | 456.74 |
| Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds | 53,300 | 53,000 | 51,700 | 37.8 | 37.9 | 38.5 | 10.57 | 10.51 | 10.25 | 399.55 | 398.33 | 394.63 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 391,300 | 381,200 | 379,700 | 29.3 | 29.3 | 28.6 | 6.73 | 6.76 | 6.65 | 197.19 | 198.07 | 190.19 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE | 109,200 | 108,000 | 103,800 | 36.6 | 36.2 | 36.8 | 11.15 | 10.91 | 10.36 | 408.09 | 394.94 | 381.25 |
| SERVICES | 555,200 | 541,600 | 527,400 | 31.2 | 31.0 | 31.1 | 9.28 | 9.29 | 8.99 | 289.54 | 287.99 | 279.59 |

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# St. Louis Labor Market Review

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## Area Labor Force Developments

St. Louis MSA labor force statistics showed a dramatic improvement in April 1994. The area unemployment rate fell to its lowest level (4.8 percent) since July 1979. Despite the effects of flash flooding and a strike in the trucking industry, nonfarm payroll employment registered another substantial monthly increase. The trucking strike did have an effect on manufacturing employment, which declined slightly after a gain in March. Nonmanufacturing, though, added 9,400 jobs between March and April, led by job gains in construction, trade and services. Gains were even more notable over the last 12 months, with the unemployment rate dropping from 6.5 percent in April 1993 to 4.8 percent in April 1994, and total nonfarm payroll employment increasing by 28,100 jobs. Construction, retail trade, health services and business services continued to add thousands of jobs over the last year. Localized flash flooding, although severe in several areas, had no apparent effect on employment. The only sour note for the last twelve months was in manufacturing; makers of aircraft, motor vehicles, chemicals, instruments and metal products cut 4,700 jobs between April 1993 and April 1994.

## Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment was down by 100 jobs from March to April. A permanent shutdown by a parts maker pushed employment lower in motor vehicle manufacturing. Gains that had been anticipated in construction-related manufacturing industries (stone, clay, glass, metal products and machinery) did not materialize, probably because of the trucking strike. Over the year, manufacturing employment was down by 4,700 jobs. Transportation equipment manufacturing accounted for most of the loss. Changes over the year were mixed in other manufacturing industries; losses in primary metal industries, instruments and chemicals were balanced by gains in furniture, machinery, electronic equipment and food processing.

## Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 9,400 from March to April. Construction, retail trade, business services and recreational services all had four-figure job gains over the month. The strike against a number of large trucking companies produced a temporary loss of 1,400 jobs in trucking and warehousing, and probably contributed to a small job loss in wholesale trade. Over the year, nonmanufacturing industries showed higher employment, with services and construction continuing to lead the way.

## Unemployment Rate Outlook

Although the large decrease in the unemployment rate reflected real improvement in the economy, it should be noted that some of the decrease may have been caused by statistical anomalies. When such an anomaly occurs, it is normal for a corrective reaction to appear in the following month's unemployment statistics. For that reason, the unemployment rate in May 1994 may increase slightly to 5.0 percent of the labor force.

## Comparability of Labor Force Data

The entire statewide labor force series has been revised back to 1978. Because of changes in population controls, data for 1990-93, except for the unemployment rate, are not directly comparable to data for earlier years.

Substate labor force data are being revised back to 1990. The 1990-93 labor force data appearing in tables or graphs in this issue include these revisions, but the data are still provisional (unofficial) and subject to change.

Changes in the Current Population Survey have made 1994 data not directly comparable to data for any earlier year. This is true both for the state and for substate areas. As a result, pre-1994 data in tables and graphs have been shaded to indicate this noncomparability.

The revisions and comparability issues were more fully described in the January issue of Missouri Area Labor Trends.

# Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — St. Louis MSA

| Industry | Number of Jobs | | | Change from: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1994[P] | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL | 1,206,100 | 1,196,800 | 1,178,000 | 9,300 | 28,100 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 253,200 | 251,000 | 249,300 | 2,200 | 3,900 |
| CONSTRUCTION & MINING | 59,600 | 57,300 | 51,000 | 2,300 | 8,600 |
| General Building Contractors | 14,900 | 14,700 | 13,000 | 200 | 1,900 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 37,700 | 36,100 | 31,000 | 1,600 | 6,700 |
| MANUFACTURING | 193,600 | 193,700 | 198,300 | -100 | -4,700 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 114,400 | 114,800 | 119,200 | -400 | -4,800 |
| Lumber, Wood, Furniture | 6,100 | 6,000 | 5,800 | 100 | 300 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,800 | 0 | 100 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 12,600 | 12,700 | 13,100 | -100 | -500 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 15,400 | 15,400 | 15,600 | 0 | -200 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 17,700 | 17,600 | 17,100 | 100 | 600 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment | 10,700 | 10,800 | 10,400 | -100 | 300 |
| Transportation Equipment | 37,200 | 37,500 | 42,000 | -300 | -4,800 |
| Motor vehicles & equipment | 10,900 | 11,200 | 14,600 | -300 | -3,700 |
| Aircraft & parts | 25,700 | 25,700 | 26,600 | 0 | -900 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 8,200 | 8,300 | 8,700 | -100 | -500 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 79,200 | 78,900 | 79,100 | 300 | 100 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 20,600 | 20,300 | 20,300 | 300 | 300 |
| Beverages | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,400 | 0 | 100 |
| Textiles, Apparel, & Leather | 7,700 | 7,800 | 7,800 | -100 | -100 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 5,900 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 16,900 | 17,000 | 16,800 | -100 | 100 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 17,800 | 17,800 | 18,300 | 0 | -500 |
| Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Products | 10,300 | 10,100 | 10,100 | 200 | 200 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 952,900 | 945,800 | 928,700 | 7,100 | 24,200 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING | 798,300 | 792,100 | 774,700 | 6,200 | 23,600 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 77,700 | 78,700 | 76,300 | -1,000 | 1,400 |
| COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 29,700 | 29,400 | 28,900 | 300 | 800 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4,800 | 4,700 | 4,900 | 100 | -100 |
| Trucking & Warehousing | 18,100 | 19,500 | 19,300 | -1,400 | -1,200 |
| Transportation by Air | 11,500 | 11,500 | 11,000 | 0 | 500 |
| TRADE | 282,000 | 280,500 | 276,400 | 1,500 | 5,600 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 67,000 | 67,200 | 66,300 | -200 | 700 |
| Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods | 40,400 | 40,500 | 40,000 | -100 | 400 |
| Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods | 26,600 | 26,700 | 26,300 | -100 | 300 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 215,000 | 213,300 | 210,100 | 1,700 | 4,900 |
| Building materials & garden supplies | 8,300 | 8,100 | 8,200 | 200 | 100 |
| General merchandise stores | 30,200 | 30,200 | 30,200 | 0 | 0 |
| Food stores | 32,500 | 32,100 | 30,000 | 400 | 2,500 |
| Automotive dealers/service stations | 22,300 | 22,300 | 21,500 | 0 | 800 |
| Apparel & accessory stores | 11,900 | 12,100 | 12,200 | -200 | -300 |
| Furniture & homefurnishing stores | 8,700 | 8,600 | 8,300 | 100 | 400 |
| Eating & drinking places | 79,700 | 78,000 | 78,900 | 1,700 | 800 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE | 72,900 | 72,800 | 71,900 | 100 | 1,000 |
| Depository Institutions | 21,600 | 21,600 | 22,500 | 0 | -900 |
| Nondepository Institutions | 6,700 | 6,700 | 5,700 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Insurance Carriers | 15,200 | 15,200 | 16,000 | 0 | -800 |
| Insurance Agents, Brokers | 6,800 | 6,900 | 6,900 | -100 | -100 |
| Real Estate | 12,800 | 12,700 | 12,000 | 100 | 800 |
| SERVICES | 365,700 | 360,100 | 350,100 | 5,600 | 15,600 |
| Personal Services | 15,100 | 15,000 | 15,200 | 100 | -100 |
| Business Services | 67,100 | 65,200 | 63,800 | 1,900 | 3,300 |
| Auto Repair, Services, Parking | 12,100 | 11,900 | 11,100 | 200 | 1,000 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie | 19,900 | 18,300 | 17,900 | 1,600 | 2,000 |
| Health Services | 118,200 | 117,600 | 114,000 | 600 | 4,200 |
| Hospitals (private) | 60,700 | 60,900 | 60,400 | -200 | 300 |
| Legal Services | 8,300 | 8,200 | 8,400 | 100 | -100 |
| Educational Services (private) | 34,000 | 33,700 | 32,900 | 300 | 1,100 |
| Social Services | 22,900 | 22,800 | 21,700 | 100 | 1,200 |
| Membership Organizations | 21,300 | 20,900 | 20,500 | 400 | 800 |
| Engineering & Management Services | 23,700 | 23,900 | 22,600 | -200 | 1,100 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 154,600 | 153,700 | 154,000 | 900 | 600 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | 35,100 | 35,100 | 35,100 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT | 20,300 | 20,100 | 19,900 | 200 | 400 |
| TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT | 99,200 | 98,500 | 99,000 | 700 | 200 |

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## Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — St. Louis MSA

| Industry | Production Workers | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr 1994[P] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994[P] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994[P] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994[P] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 172,700 | 170,100 | 162,500 | 41.3 | 42.4 | 39.7 | $14.81 | $15.09 | $14.73 | $611.65 | $639.82 | $584.78 |
| CONSTRUCTION & MINING | 46,900 | 44,400 | 38,500 | 34.3 | 37.9 | 32.4 | 19.62 | 19.73 | 19.20 | 672.97 | 747.77 | 622.08 |
| MANUFACTURING | 125,800 | 125,700 | 124,000 | 43.9 | 44.1 | 42.0 | 13.41 | 13.68 | 13.67 | 588.70 | 603.29 | 574.14 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 71,300 | 71,400 | 76,700 | 44.8 | 45.8 | 41.8 | 14.24 | 14.38 | 14.72 | 637.95 | 658.60 | 615.30 |
| Lumber, Wood, Furniture | 4,600 | 4,400 | 4,300 | 45.5 | 42.5 | 39.8 | 8.94 | 9.33 | 10.21 | 406.77 | 396.53 | 406.36 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,000 | 37.7 | 40.0 | 33.7 | 12.60 | 12.65 | 12.27 | 475.02 | 506.00 | 413.50 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 9,200 | 9,400 | 9,600 | 54.5 | 56.5 | 41.5 | 12.65 | 12.71 | 13.70 | 689.43 | 718.12 | 568.55 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 11,700 | 11,700 | 11,800 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 42.7 | 13.91 | 13.88 | 13.64 | 587.00 | 587.12 | 582.43 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 11,500 | 11,400 | 10,900 | 43.0 | 43.4 | 42.2 | 12.24 | 12.58 | 12.76 | 526.32 | 545.97 | 538.47 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp | 7,100 | 7,200 | 6,600 | 40.1 | 40.2 | 39.0 | 9.63 | 9.36 | 9.73 | 386.16 | 376.27 | 379.47 |
| Transportation Equipment | 19,200 | 19,500 | 25,000 | 47.0 | 48.8 | 43.7 | 20.08 | 20.12 | 19.34 | 943.76 | 981.86 | 845.16 |
| Motor vehicles & equipment | 9,500 | 9,700 | 12,900 | 50.8 | 54.3 | 44.7 | 20.01 | 20.11 | 19.01 | 1,016.51 | 1,091.97 | 849.75 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 3,600 | 3,500 | 3,700 | 40.6 | 44.1 | 40.3 | 12.25 | 12.10 | 12.16 | 497.35 | 533.61 | 490.05 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 54,500 | 54,300 | 47,300 | 42.7 | 41.7 | 42.5 | 12.27 | 12.67 | 11.99 | 523.93 | 528.34 | 509.58 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 13,800 | 13,600 | 12,800 | 38.2 | 38.3 | 39.1 | 13.65 | 13.70 | 13.77 | 521.43 | 524.71 | 538.41 |
| Textiles, Apparel, & Leather | 6,400 | 6,500 | 6,000 | 39.9 | 40.2 | 39.6 | 7.38 | 7.57 | 7.68 | 294.46 | 304.31 | 304.13 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 4,800 | 4,900 | 4,900 | 61.9 | 56.6 | 44.8 | 9.58 | 9.28 | 11.25 | 593.00 | 525.25 | 504.00 |
| Printing & Publishing | 11,100 | 11,000 | 10,400 | 43.3 | 41.4 | 39.7 | 12.78 | 12.71 | 12.55 | 553.37 | 526.19 | 498.24 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 11,000 | 11,000 | 6,100 | 42.0 | 40.6 | 57.0 | 14.30 | 16.26 | 12.54 | 600.60 | 660.16 | 714.78 |
| Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Products | 7,300 | 7,400 | 7,100 | 41.5 | 41.7 | 40.8 | 12.68 | 13.05 | 11.58 | 526.22 | 544.19 | 472.46 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING | 657,600 | 653,100 | 636,600 | 31.4 | 31.3 | 31.5 | 10.12 | 10.05 | 9.83 | 317.77 | 314.57 | 309.65 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS | 60,400 | 61,200 | 58,800 | 35.6 | 36.5 | 35.4 | 13.41 | 12.93 | 13.81 | 477.40 | 471.95 | 488.87 |
| TRADE | 249,100 | 248,000 | 243,300 | 30.5 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 9.14 | 9.14 | 8.87 | 278.77 | 276.94 | 269.65 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 55,200 | 55,600 | 54,500 | 39.2 | 38.5 | 39.3 | 12.20 | 12.30 | 11.90 | 478.24 | 473.55 | 467.67 |
| Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds | 33,000 | 33,300 | 32,800 | 40.7 | 39.7 | 39.6 | 11.83 | 11.95 | 11.66 | 481.48 | 474.42 | 461.74 |
| Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds | 22,200 | 22,300 | 21,700 | 37.1 | 36.8 | 38.9 | 12.81 | 12.87 | 12.27 | 475.25 | 473.62 | 477.30 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 193,900 | 192,400 | 188,800 | 28.1 | 28.0 | 27.8 | 7.92 | 7.88 | 7.63 | 222.55 | 220.64 | 212.11 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE | 52,600 | 52,500 | 51,700 | 36.8 | 36.1 | 35.7 | 10.80 | 10.54 | 10.33 | 397.44 | 380.49 | 368.78 |
| SERVICES | 295,500 | 291,400 | 282,800 | 30.2 | 30.2 | 30.8 | 10.03 | 9.98 | 9.60 | 302.91 | 301.40 | 295.68 |

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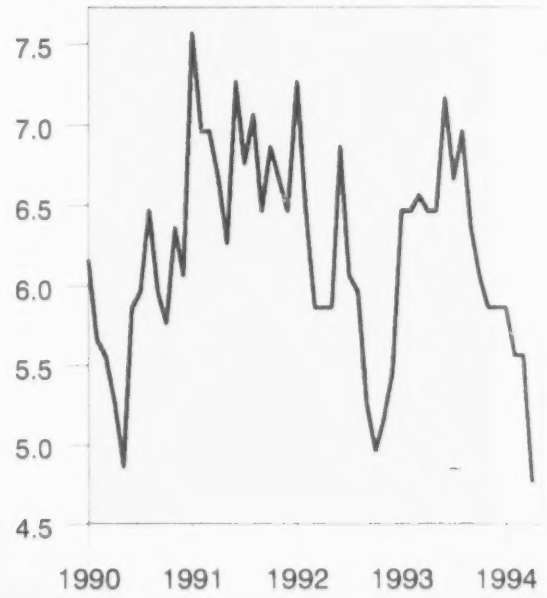


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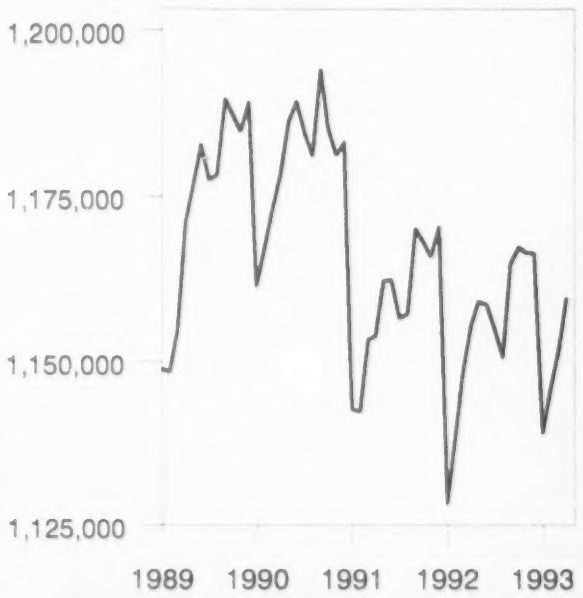


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# Kansas City Labor Market Review

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## Area Labor Force Conditions

The unemployment rate in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area fell sharply in April to 4.6 percent after rising in March to 5.4 percent. The number of jobless workers declined by 6,700 to this year's low of 41,000. While the number of initial claims increased slightly, the number of workers continuing to file claims dropped substantially in every county and virtually every industry in the metropolitan area.

The civilian labor force grew by 7,700 persons compared to an average April gain of 5,400. Similarly, estimated total employment increased substantially, with 14,400 additional employed, compared to an average expansion of 8,600.

## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment, added 7,100 jobs in April, climbing to a record high of 824,000 jobs. Although the area performed better than the four year average of 6,400, this year's April gain was considerably smaller than the April increases of nearly 10,000 recorded in 1992 and 1993. Total job gains since January (19,500) also show some slowdown compared to the same four month period in 1992 and 1993. Despite this suggestion of a slowdown in the pace of job growth, the area remains well above last year's total, posting 21,600 more jobs this April than a year ago.

A nationwide truckers' strike, the closing of an area food store, and the timing of spring break in area schools partly dampened the strength of expected seasonal increases in transportation and public utilities, retail trade, services, and government.

The services industry performed better than average, contributing the largest number of jobs to the area's job base, with 3,400 jobs added over the month. Total employment in the service industries now stands at an all time high of 225,700 jobs. Since April 1993 alone, the industry has grown by 9,900 jobs, a 4.6 percent increase over the year. Over the month, seasonal hiring in amusement and recreation accounted for well over half of the new jobs posted. Gains in business and health services accounted for another 800 jobs. Altogether, most service industries other than private schools, which fell slightly due to spring break, recorded some expansion over the month. Over the year, business services, which accounted for nearly 40 percent of the total jobs gained in the services industry, expanded by 3,900 jobs, an 8.2 percent increase. Only legal services recorded fewer jobs this April than in April 1993.

The construction industry posted the second highest job gain over the month with 2,500 new jobs, a 7.7 percent increase. As a result of a strike which dampened last year's growth, construction is one of the few industries which outperformed last year's expansion. More noteworthy, the construction industry recorded its highest employment level since August 1988 and the highest April job total since April 1987.

Retail trade, which suffered the loss of a major food store chain, added 1,700 jobs over the month, somewhat less than the normal gain. Seasonal job growth in eating and drinking places, building material and garden supplies, and general merchandise stores offset much of the impact of the job losses due to the food store closing.

Led by continued expansion in transportation equipment, the manufacturing industry continued to show better than average performance, with another 800 jobs added over the month. Transportation equipment leads the over the year gain, contributing 1,300 of the 2,000 jobs gained since April 1993. Most manufacturing industries held steady or recorded slight expansion over the month and over the year. The exceptions were the chemical industry, which registered small losses over the month and 800 fewer jobs over the year, and fabricated metals products, whose losses during the latter part of 1993 held its April 1994 total below the April 1993 level. Little change was recorded in the wholesale trade and finance, insurance, and real estate industries. Government recorded a modest increase over the month, as the hiring of additional federal tax processors offset losses resulting from spring break in area public schools.

The nationwide truckers' strike accounted for the transportation, communication, and utilities sector temporarily falling to a twelve month low.

## Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Most industries are expected to record seasonal employment gains in May 1994. Construction, services, and retail trade are among the industries expected to show seasonal improvement. Little change is expected in the overall unemployment rate, as the influx of summer job seekers into the area labor force will increase both unemployment and employment.

# Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Kansas City MSA

| Industry | Number of Jobs | | | Change from: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1994[P] | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL | 824,000 | 816,900 | 802,400 | 7,100 | 21,600 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 144,300 | 141,000 | 137,300 | 3,300 | 7,000 |
| CONSTRUCTION & MINING | 36,700 | 34,200 | 31,700 | 2,500 | 5,000 |
| General Building Contractors | 7,400 | 7,200 | 6,200 | 200 | 1,200 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 23,400 | 21,800 | 20,800 | 1,600 | 2,600 |
| MANUFACTURING | 107,600 | 106,800 | 105,600 | 800 | 2,000 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 51,100 | 50,600 | 49,300 | 500 | 1,800 |
| Lumber, Wood, Furniture | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,300 | 0 | 200 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 3,500 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 100 | 100 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 12,500 | 12,500 | 12,700 | 0 | -200 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 8,000 | 8,000 | 7,600 | 0 | 400 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7,300 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 9,900 | 9,600 | 8,600 | 300 | 1,300 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 56,500 | 56,200 | 56,300 | 300 | 200 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 8,500 | 8,400 | 8,400 | 100 | 100 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,000 | 0 | 300 |
| Printing & Publishing | 23,100 | 22,900 | 22,600 | 200 | 500 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 9,000 | 9,100 | 9,800 | -100 | -800 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 679,700 | 675,900 | 665,100 | 3,800 | 14,600 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING | 552,200 | 548,700 | 537,400 | 3,500 | 14,800 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 63,100 | 64,900 | 63,600 | -1,800 | -500 |
| COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 25,100 | 25,100 | 24,700 | 0 | 400 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,500 | 0 | 200 |
| Trucking & Warehousing | 17,500 | 19,200 | 18,700 | -1,700 | -1,200 |
| Transportation by Air | 7,000 | 7,100 | 7,200 | -100 | -200 |
| TRADE | 200,900 | 199,100 | 196,600 | 1,800 | 4,300 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 57,000 | 56,900 | 56,100 | 100 | 900 |
| Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods | 34,700 | 34,600 | 34,100 | 100 | 600 |
| Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods | 22,300 | 22,300 | 22,000 | 0 | 300 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 143,900 | 142,200 | 140,500 | 1,700 | 3,400 |
| Building materials & garden supplies | 7,100 | 6,800 | 6,700 | 300 | 400 |
| General merchandise stores | 20,800 | 20,500 | 20,400 | 300 | 400 |
| Food stores | 18,800 | 19,300 | 18,700 | -500 | 100 |
| Automotive dealers/service stations | 16,500 | 16,500 | 15,600 | 0 | 900 |
| Apparel & accessory stores | 6,100 | 6,200 | 6,200 | -100 | -100 |
| Furniture & homefurnishing stores | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,300 | 0 | 200 |
| Eating & drinking places | 53,400 | 51,600 | 50,200 | 1,800 | 3,200 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE | 62,500 | 62,400 | 61,400 | 100 | 1,100 |
| Depository Institutions | 14,900 | 14,900 | 15,400 | 0 | -500 |
| SERVICES | 225,700 | 222,300 | 215,800 | 3,400 | 9,900 |
| Personal Services | 11,400 | 11,500 | 10,500 | -100 | 900 |
| Business Services | 51,100 | 50,700 | 47,200 | 400 | 3,900 |
| Automotive & miscellaneous repair services | 9,900 | 9,800 | 9,600 | 100 | 300 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie | 14,300 | 12,300 | 12,100 | 2,000 | 2,200 |
| Health Services | 64,200 | 63,800 | 63,400 | 400 | 800 |
| Legal Services | 6,600 | 6,600 | 6,800 | 0 | -200 |
| Educational Services (private) | 8,100 | 8,200 | 7,700 | -100 | 400 |
| Social Services | 12,700 | 12,600 | 12,100 | 100 | 600 |
| Membership Organizations | 13,600 | 13,600 | 13,100 | 0 | 500 |
| Engineering & Management Services | 21,200 | 21,100 | 20,700 | 100 | 500 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 127,500 | 127,200 | 127,700 | 300 | -200 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | 33,000 | 32,400 | 33,400 | 600 | -400 |
| TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT | 18,800 | 18,800 | 18,400 | 0 | 400 |
| TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT | 75,700 | 76,000 | 75,900 | -300 | -200 |

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## Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Kansas City MSA

| Industry | Production Workers | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr 1994[p] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994[p] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994[p] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994[p] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 102,900 | 99,700 | 95,300 | 40.9 | 42.3 | 37.9 | $14.55 | $14.59 | $13.94 | $595.10 | $617.16 | $528.33 |
| CONSTRUCTION & MINING | 28,700 | 26,300 | 23,700 | 36.0 | 39.5 | 30.3 | 16.74 | 16.80 | 16.96 | 602.64 | 663.60 | 513.89 |
| MANUFACTURING | 74,200 | 73,400 | 71,600 | 42.7 | 43.2 | 40.4 | 13.84 | 13.87 | 13.19 | 590.97 | 599.18 | 532.88 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 36,700 | 36,200 | 34,700 | 43.1 | 44.0 | 40.4 | 15.04 | 15.15 | 14.06 | 648.22 | 666.60 | 568.02 |
| Lumber, Wood, Furniture | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,500 | 42.3 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 9.59 | 9.57 | 9.26 | 405.66 | 398.11 | 386.14 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,600 | 37.2 | 42.5 | 32.0 | 12.29 | 12.73 | 12.37 | 457.19 | 541.03 | 395.84 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 6,900 | 6,900 | 7,200 | 39.5 | 39.6 | 40.6 | 13.09 | 13.05 | 12.78 | 517.05 | 516.78 | 518.87 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,100 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 40.7 | 12.78 | 12.79 | 12.50 | 538.04 | 535.90 | 508.75 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,400 | 41.2 | 39.7 | 38.5 | 13.69 | 12.99 | 12.42 | 564.03 | 515.70 | 478.17 |
| Transportation Equipment | 9,100 | 8,700 | 7,800 | 48.2 | 51.7 | 40.6 | 20.21 | 20.77 | 19.07 | 974.12 | 1,073.81 | 774.24 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 37,500 | 37,200 | 36,900 | 42.4 | 42.5 | 40.4 | 12.65 | 12.58 | 12.38 | 536.36 | 534.65 | 500.15 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 6,700 | 6,600 | 6,500 | 42.0 | 41.7 | 36.3 | 11.78 | 11.91 | 12.18 | 494.76 | 496.65 | 442.13 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 4,900 | 4,900 | 4,700 | 44.1 | 42.8 | 38.3 | 11.43 | 11.25 | 12.05 | 504.06 | 481.50 | 461.52 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 3,800 | 3,800 | 4,000 | 39.3 | 40.5 | 42.2 | 17.78 | 17.49 | 17.45 | 698.75 | 708.34 | 736.39 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING | 450,500 | 446,000 | 432,900 | 33.4 | 34.2 | 33.6 | 10.29 | 10.04 | 10.11 | 343.69 | 343.37 | 339.70 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS | 36,300 | 36,400 | 35,000 | 37.8 | 39.4 | 40.0 | 16.80 | 16.50 | 16.19 | 635.04 | 650.10 | 647.60 |
| TRADE | 173,800 | 171,500 | 169,400 | 32.7 | 34.7 | 31.8 | 8.26 | 7.90 | 8.42 | 270.10 | 274.13 | 267.76 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 46,700 | 46,700 | 45,900 | 38.5 | 38.3 | 40.3 | 11.68 | 11.54 | 11.45 | 449.68 | 441.98 | 461.43 |
| Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds | 28,500 | 28,400 | 28,000 | 40.3 | 39.7 | 41.2 | 11.70 | 11.52 | 11.61 | 471.51 | 457.34 | 478.33 |
| Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds | 18,200 | 18,300 | 17,900 | 35.7 | 36.0 | 38.9 | 11.65 | 11.57 | 11.19 | 415.91 | 416.52 | 435.29 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 127,100 | 124,800 | 123,500 | 30.6 | 33.4 | 28.6 | 6.68 | 6.33 | 6.83 | 204.41 | 211.42 | 195.34 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE | 49,400 | 49,400 | 47,900 | 37.8 | 37.4 | 38.4 | 11.03 | 10.97 | 9.75 | 416.93 | 410.28 | 374.40 |
| SERVICES | 191,000 | 188,700 | 180,600 | 32.1 | 31.9 | 32.7 | 10.48 | 10.34 | 10.32 | 336.41 | 329.85 | 337.46 |

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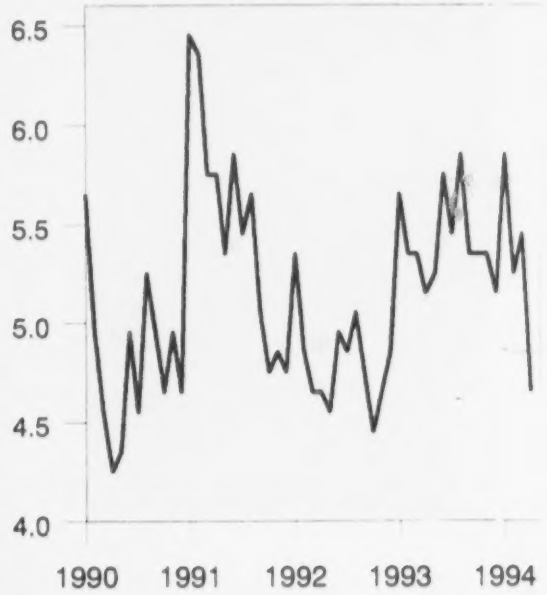


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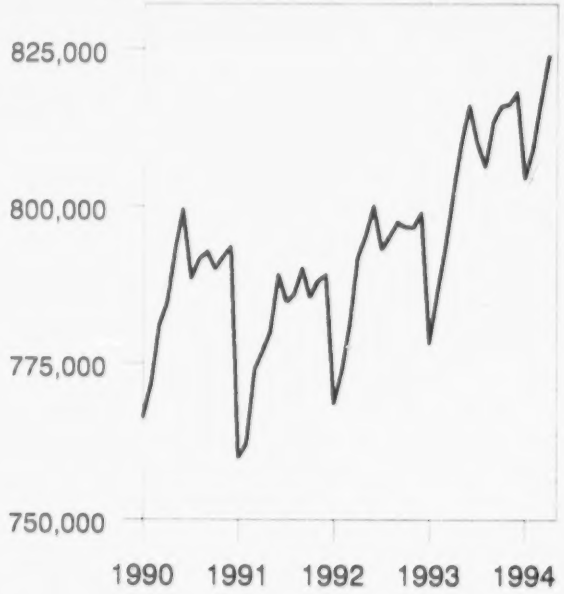


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# Springfield Labor Market Review

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## Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force rose almost 700 from March to reach 153,100 in April. The area unemployment rate decreased a full percentage point, from 4.4 percent to 3.4 percent. The number of unemployed persons, estimated at 5,200 for April, was down 1,400 from the March with estimate.

## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment was 142,700 in April 1994, an increase of 700 jobs from March 1994. Those industries showing significant changes included manufacturing, down 100; construction and mining, up 300; trade, up 300; services, up 600; and transportation and public utilities, down 700.

## Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers decreased from $10.07 in March to $10.03 in April. Average weekly hours increased from 38.9 in March to 40.' in April. Average weekly earnings increased from $391.72 in March to $408.22 in April.

## Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payroll employment continued to grow in April despite the strike in the trucking industry. The unemployment rate normally decreases between March and April, bit the drop from 4.4 percent to 3.4 percent seems larger than normal. Because this decrease was unusual, it seems probable that the May unemployment rate may increase as more students enter the workforce.

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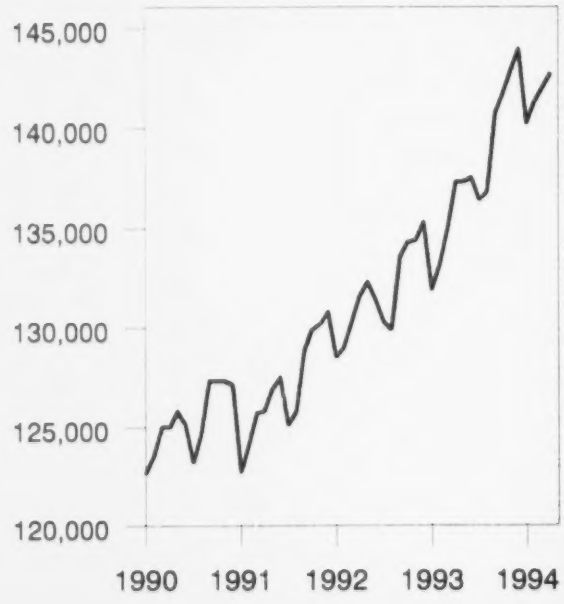

## Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Springfield MSA

| Industry | Number of Jobs | | | Change from: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1994[P] | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 | Mar. 1994 | Apr. 1993 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL | 142,700 | 142,000 | 137,300 | 700 | 5,400 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 27,100 | 26,900 | 26,800 | 200 | 300 |
| CONSTRUCTION & MINING | 5,900 | 5,600 | 5,700 | 300 | 200 |
| MANUFACTURING | 21,200 | 21,300 | 21,100 | -100 | 100 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,100 | 0 | -100 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 0 | 100 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 0 | 0 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 11,200 | 11,300 | 11,000 | -100 | 200 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 0 | -100 |
| Printing & Publishing | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 115,600 | 115,100 | 110,500 | 500 | 5,100 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING | 97,000 | 96,800 | 92,500 | 200 | 4,500 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 7,600 | 8,300 | 8,100 | -700 | -500 |
| Railroad Transportation | 800 | 800 | 900 | 0 | -100 |
| TRADE | 40,200 | 39,900 | 37,800 | 300 | 2,400 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 10,600 | 10,500 | 10,200 | 100 | 400 |
| Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods | 5,700 | 5,600 | 5,400 | 100 | 300 |
| Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods | 4,900 | 4,900 | 4,800 | 0 | 100 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 29,600 | 29,400 | 27,600 | 200 | 2,000 |
| Eating & drinking places | 10,900 | 10,600 | 10,000 | 300 | 900 |
| Retail Trade exc eating & drinking places | 18,700 | 18,800 | 17,600 | -100 | 1,100 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,000 | 0 | 300 |
| SERVICES | 42,900 | 42,300 | 40,600 | 600 | 2,300 |
| Personal & Business Services | 9,500 | 9,000 | 8,400 | 500 | 1,100 |
| Health Services | 16,400 | 16,400 | 16,000 | 0 | 400 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 18,600 | 18,300 | 18,000 | 300 | 600 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,200 | 0 | 100 |
| TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT | 5,900 | 5,700 | 5,900 | 200 | 0 |
| TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT | 10,400 | 10,300 | 9,900 | 100 | 500 |

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## Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Springfield MSA

| Industry | Production Workers | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr 1994[P] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994[P] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994[P] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 | Apr 1994[P] | Mar 1994 | Apr 1993 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 20,600 | 20,300 | 19,600 | 39.3 | 37.4 | 38.0 | $10.59 | $10.62 | $10.31 | $416.19 | $397.19 | $391.78 |
| CONSTRUCTION & MINING | 4,600 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 34.4 | 32.0 | 33.4 | 12.90 | 13.17 | 12.25 | 443.76 | 421.44 | 409.15 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16,000 | 16,000 | 15,400 | 40.7 | 38.9 | 39.3 | 10.03 | 10.07 | 9.86 | 408.22 | 391.72 | 387.50 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,500 | 39.9 | 38.5 | 39.0 | 10.14 | 10.15 | 9.65 | 404.59 | 390.78 | 376.35 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 1,700 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 40.5 | 39.6 | 39.4 | 11.31 | 11.41 | 11.17 | 458.06 | 451.84 | 440.10 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp | 2,300 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 41.5 | 38.4 | 40.1 | 9.39 | 9.43 | 9.28 | 389.69 | 362.11 | 372.13 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 8,400 | 8,400 | 7,900 | 41.3 | 39.3 | 39.5 | 9.94 | 9.99 | 10.05 | 410.52 | 392.61 | 396.98 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,200 | 40.8 | 39.3 | 41.9 | 11.80 | 11.61 | 11.30 | 481.44 | 456.27 | 473.47 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 37.6 | 37.2 | 37.7 | 10.21 | 10.40 | 9.97 | 383.90 | 386.88 | 375.87 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING | 80,700 | 80,400 | 76,400 | 33.6 | 32.8 | 33.1 | 7.79 | 7.81 | 7.71 | 261.74 | 256.17 | 255.20 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS | 6,200 | 6,800 | 6,700 | 38.5 | 35.7 | 36.8 | 12.00 | 11.86 | 10.22 | 462.00 | 423.40 | 376.10 |
| TRADE | 36,500 | 36,300 | 33,900 | 31.3 | 30.6 | 31.5 | 7.64 | 7.71 | 7.83 | 239.13 | 235.93 | 246.65 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 9,000 | 9,000 | 8,600 | 39.3 | 38.4 | 39.9 | 11.25 | 11.09 | 11.13 | 442.12 | 425.86 | 444.09 |
| Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds | 4,800 | 4,700 | 4,400 | 38.4 | 39.1 | 40.5 | 9.60 | 9.52 | 9.38 | 368.64 | 372.23 | 379.89 |
| Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds | 4,200 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 40.2 | 37.7 | 39.3 | 13.05 | 12.87 | 13.04 | 524.61 | 485.20 | 512.47 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 27,500 | 27,300 | 25,300 | 28.8 | 28.0 | 28.7 | 6.03 | 6.19 | 6.29 | 173.66 | 173.32 | 180.52 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,400 | 37.7 | 36.1 | 35.0 | 7.06 | 6.91 | 7.06 | 266.16 | 249.45 | 247.10 |
| SERVICES | 33,000 | 32,300 | 31,400 | 34.4 | 34.2 | 33.7 | 7.17 | 7.17 | 7.10 | 246.65 | 245.21 | 239.27 |

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